About The DAISY Foundation
The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died of complications of the auto-immune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP) at the age of 33. (DAISY is an acronym for diseases attacking the immune system.) During Pat’s 8 week hospitalization, his family was awestruck by the care and compassion his nurses provided not only to Pat but to everyone in his family. So one of the goals they set in creating a Foundation in Pat’s memory was to recognize extraordinary nurses everywhere who make an enormous difference in the lives of so many people by the super-human work they do everyday.

What is The DAISY Award?
The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care given by nurses everyday. Trinity Health is proud to be a DAISY Award Partner, recognizing one of our nurses with this special honor each month.

To find out more about the program, including the growing list of Partners, please go to www.DAISYfoundation.org.

DAISY Award honorees personify Trinity Health’s remarkable patient experience. These nurses consistently demonstrate excellence through their clinical expertise and extraordinary compassionate care, and they are recognized as outstanding role models in our nursing community.
Each DAISY Award Honoree will be recognized at a public ceremony in her/his unit and will receive: a beautiful certificate, a DAISY Award pin, and a hand-carved stone sculpture entitled A Healer’s Touch. Additionally, everyone in the unit will celebrate with cinnamon rolls—a favorite of Patrick’s during his illness. The Barnes Family asks that whenever and wherever nurses smell that wonderful cinnamon aroma, they stop for a moment and think about how special they are.

How To Nominate An Extraordinary Nurse

Patients, visitors, nurses, physicians, employees may nominate a deserving nurse by filling out this form and submitting it to any DAISY drop box in Trinity Hospital cafeteria, the lobby at Trinity Hospital – St. Joseph’s, or any designated DAISY Award drop box on most units, or mail-in to address on reverse.

I would like to nominate ____________________________ from the ____________________________ unit/department as a deserving recipient of The DAISY Award. This nurse’s clinical skill and especially her/his compassionate care exemplify the kind of nurse that our patients, their families, and our staff recognize as an outstanding role model. I would like to share a story about why this nurse is so special.

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Thank you for taking the time to nominate an extraordinary nurse for this award. Please tell us about yourself, so that we may include you in the celebration of this award should the nurse you nominated is chosen.

Your Name ________________________
Phone ____________________________
Email _____________________________
I am (please check one):
❑ RN       ❑ Patient
❑ Family/Visitor ❑ MD
❑ Staff     ❑ Volunteer
Date of nomination ____________________

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